

RECOGNIZING RODNEY MORRIS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Rodney Morris. Mr. Morris is a Corrections Officer with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department and an active member of the Long Branch, New Jersey community. On October 1, 2010, Mr. Morris retired after dedicating 26 years of service to the Sheriff's Department. I applaud Mr. Morris, as his achievements should serve as an inspiration to us all.

Today we recognize Mr. Morris for contributing 26 years of service to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department. The 609 officers and employees of the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department are dedicated to serving the needs of the community. Located in Freehold, New Jersey, the Sheriff's Office is comprised of three divisions: Law Enforcement, Corrections, and Communications. Mr. Morris has demonstrated unwavering commitment to protecting and serving the constituents of Monmouth County and remains a tremendously valued member of my district and the County.

Mr. Morris is also a valued and dedicated member of the Long Branch, New Jersey community. Mr. Morris is actively involved in community sports activities and serves as a coach for the tee-ball and basketball teams for Long Branch Recreation Department. Mr. Morris has also served as Head Coach for the Pop Warner Football team. Mr. Morris has served as Chairperson of the Deacon's Ministry at the Second Baptist Church in Long Branch for ten years and continues to serve in this capacity today. He has been happily married to his wife Susie for seventeen years. Together, they have one son, Tyree Rodney Morris, who is 10 years old. Mr. Morris is a positive role model for his family and other members of the community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledging Mr. Morris' 26 years of service with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department. His dedication and commitment are positive examples of what steadfast determination and allegiance can accomplish.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF UPPER LOUDOUN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE TO THE TREE OF LIFE FOOD BANK

HON. FRANK R. WOLF-

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work of the Upper Loudoun Youth Football League (ULYFL) in collecting nonperishable food donations for the Tree of Life Food Pantry in Purcellville, Virginia.

This fall the Upper Loudoun Youth Football League partnered with Tree of Life Food Pantry to collect food for the individuals and families in the community and stock the food pantry's shelves for the upcoming winter season.

The league divided into 25 teams and worked to collect nonperishable food donations. Team Chargers led the pack and collected 3,532 pounds of food and 54 boxes of cereal, and Team Bucs followed close behind with 3,459 pounds of food and 142 boxes of cereal. The other teams included: The Titans/D Cowboys; Bulldogs/Huskies/Vikings; Team Mustangs; Team Oarsman; Team Packers; Team Bengals; Team Giants; The Gators/D Giants; The Tigers/D Ravens; Team Warriors; Team Trojan; The Raiders/D Redskins; The Eagles/Flag Bengals; Team Vikings; The Wildcats/Flag Panthers; Team Knights; Team Colts; Team Huskies; Team Aztecs; Team Seahawks; The Cougars/Flag Pacers; Team Cheerleaders; and The Bandits/D Eagles. All together the league collected 23,550 pounds of food and 614 boxes of cereal.

I commend all who volunteered for their tireless commitment and service to those in their community who are unable to make ends meet and put food on the table. I also commend the partnership that has grown between the Upper Loudoun Youth Football League and the Tree of Life Food Pantry in Purcellville to make available leftover food to stock the shelves of the food pantry.

In closing, I would like to thank the coaches, the league, the parents, and the players for their dedicated efforts and support for the community.

RECOGNIZING 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDUCATION FOR ALL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), a landmark law that asserted the right of all students with disabilities to receive education services appropriate to their needs.

Before IDEA, many individuals with disabilities were relegated to state institutions or misdiagnosed and inappropriately educated. In the 1950s and 1960s, the Federal government began working with advocates to develop best practices for educating children with disabilities and train teachers and specialists to implement them.

In 1975, Congress passed the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, which would later become IDEA. Through early interventions, specialized supports, and placement in the least restrictive environment, the law revolutionized education for children with disabilities. Today, more than 6 million students receive IDEA services.

IDEA also included a promise to states and school districts—by 1982, for every child receiving special education services, the federal government would pay forty percent of the National Average per Pupil Expenditure. Yet Congress has never appropriated even half that amount in regular appropriations. I have introduced bipartisan legislation, the EDUCATE Act, which would put Congress on a fiscally-responsible path to fully fund IDEA within eight years. I urge my colleagues to join me to honor our promise to America's students.

Mr. Speaker, IDEA has made a tremendous difference in the lives of millions of students and their families. We must recommit ourselves to provide the resources necessary to ensure that all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

HONORING RUBY BRIDGES

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I join the House of Representatives in recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of Ruby Bridges.

In 1960, Ruby Bridges became the first African-American child to attend William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana. As she took her first steps to school, Ruby created a path in education for many to follow.

Ruby's resilience in the face of discrimination was an important moment and contribution to the Civil Rights Movement.

In my congressional district, we are honored to have Ruby's historic journey on display at the Indianapolis Children's Museum for all Americans to witness and experience her honorable journey.

With Ruby's help, the Indianapolis Children's Museum has built a unique exhibit called the "Power of Children," which documents her courageous strides for equality in education.

Her bravery at such a young age paved the way for all African-American children to attend newly integrated schools, and has made her a symbol of tolerance and respect for all Americans.

As we continue to work on reforming our education laws, let us remember the great gift that Ruby Bridges gave to all American children—the gift of equal education for all.

HONORING DR. AARON R. GRAHAM ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Dr. Aaron R. Graham, who is the Bergen Executive County Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Graham should be congratulated on his retirement for a job well done and celebrated for over 40 years of public service as an educator.

Dr. Graham received his Bachelor of Science in Biology from North Carolina Central University and received his Masters of Science in Education from the University of Akron. He earned his Doctorate of Education in Administration and Supervision from Fordham University. He has also completed postgraduate studies at Montclair State University and the State University of New York.

Dr. Graham began his educational career as a Science Teacher in the National Teachers Corps and Public Schools in Akron, Ohio. He has taught students on every level from pre-school through graduate school. In New Jersey, his career experience includes: Science